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SUBJECT:MARINE RESOURCE SEMINAR

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1. RE PARAGRAPH 4 REFTTEL, EMBASSY HAS NOT COMMENTED ON
SUGGESTION OF DR. CAMERON, MENTIONED IN ESTES' LETTER OF

JAN. 16 TO TOWNSEND, TO EXTEND ECUADOREAN PROJECT PROPOSAL
TO SIX WEEKS IN ORDER TO COINCIDE WITH PROGRAM BEING
PLANNED BY UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND FOR ANOTHER GROUP.
IF COSTS ARE TO REMAIN AT SAME LEVEL, OR SAVINGS TO RESULT,
DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTION TO COMMISSION CONSIDERING THIS
ALTERNATIVE. WE SHOULD, HOWEVER, HAVE SOME IDEA COM-
MISSION'S VIEWS FOR PRESENTATION TO VPS.

2. IF PROJECT IS TO BE LIMITED TO SIX PARTICIPANTS, AS
STATED REFTTEL, DEPARTMENT ENVISAGES SAVINGS OF \$2,000 FROM
ESTES' BUDGET, WITH FURTHER SAVINGS ANTICIPATED DUE TO
LOCAL FUNDING OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL. COMMISSION HAS
SUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR PROJECT AS CURRENTLY PROPOSED,
FOR EITHER FOUR OR SIX WEEKS. INGERSOLL

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